

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF A PUBLIC MEETING  
TO GIVE INPUT ON THE RENEWAL AND PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE  
PERVASIVE DEVELOPMENTAL DISORDER (PDD) WAIVER**

**South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (State Medicaid Agency) and South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs (SCDDSN) have been partners in provision of Home and Community Based Waiver programs for many years. SCDDSN currently operates the Pervasive Developmental Disorder (PDD) Waiver, with administrative oversight by the State Medicaid Agency.**

**Initially, the PDD Waiver was approved for a three year period. This approval expires on December 31, 2009. Several changes to the waiver are being proposed and are attached for review and comment. A public meeting to receive additional input on the waiver's renewal and proposed changes will be conducted on Wednesday, July 8 from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at SCDDSN, 3440 Harden Street Ext., Columbia, SC 29203 in Room 251. SCDDSN is located directly across the street from the main entrance of Palmetto Richland Hospital. Directions are attached.**

## **Directions**

### **South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs 3440 Harden Street Extension Columbia, South Carolina 29230**

(Directly across the street from main entrance to Palmetto Richland Hospital)

#### *From Spartanburg:*

Take I-26 E

Take the ROUTE I-126 exit, EXIT 108B, on the LEFT toward DOWNTOWN/COLUMBIA

Merge onto US-76 E

Turn LEFT onto BULL ST/SC-277 N

Turn RIGHT onto HARDEN ST EXT

End at 3440 Harden Street Ext Columbia, SC 29203 (on right side)

#### *From Charleston:*

Take I-26 W

Take the I-126 exit, EXIT 108B, toward COLUMBIA

Merge onto US-76 E

Turn LEFT onto BULL ST/SC-277 N

Turn RIGHT onto HARDEN ST EXT

End at 3440 Harden Street Ext Columbia, SC 29203 (on right side)

#### *From Florence:*

Take I-20 W

Merge onto SC-277 S via EXIT 73A toward COLUMBIA

Turn LEFT onto HARDEN ST EXT

End at 3440 Harden Street Ext Columbia, SC 29203 (on right side)

#### *From Aiken:*

Take I-20 E

Merge onto I-26 E/US-76 E via EXIT 64A toward COLUMBIA

Take the ROUTE I-126 exit, EXIT 108B, on the LEFT toward DOWNTOWN/COLUMBIA

Merge onto US-76 E

Turn LEFT onto BULL ST/SC-277 N

Turn RIGHT onto HARDEN ST EXT

End at 3440 Harden Street Ext Columbia, SC 29203 (on right side)

*For additional travel directions, please visit [mapquest.com](http://mapquest.com) or a similar site.*

## **Recommended Changes to the Pervasive Developmental Disorder Waiver**

**June 18, 2009**

The following changes to the Pervasive Developmental Disorder (PDD) Waiver are being recommended in an effort to create consistency among waivers within DDSN and create administrative efficiencies. No services are being proposed for reduction.

### **Case Management**

- **Qualifications**

**Current:** The qualifications for PDD Case Managers requires they “have a Bachelor’s degree in humanities, social science or a related field, plus two years of experience in social or community work, and experience or training pertaining to children with PDD”.

**Recommended Change:** Service Coordinators “must hold at least a Bachelor’s degree in Social Work or a related field from an accredited college or university **or** must hold at least a Bachelor’s degree in an unrelated field from an accredited college or university and have at least one year of experience in programs with disabilities or have at least one in a case management program. An official college transcript must be present in the Case Manager’s personnel record to verify educational level”.

- **Record Keeping and Documentation**

**Current:** “All case management activities must be documented in the participant’s waiver record. Documentation must include the date and time, individual(s) involved, description of the discussion, event or activity, and any necessary action”.

**Recommended Change:** All case management activities must be documented in the participant’s waiver record. Documentation must include the following: name and title of contact person, type of contact, location of contact, purpose of contact, intervention or services provided, the outcome, needed follow-up, and the date and signature of the Case Manager.

### **Service Specification**

- **Early Intensive Behavioral Intervention (EIBI)**

**Current:** EIBI service has four distinct components: (1) Assessment, Program Development and Training, (2) Plan Implementation, (3) Lead Therapy Intervention, and (4) Line Therapy.

**Recommended Change:** EIBI service has five distinct components: (1) Assessment, (2) Program Development and Training, (3) Plan Implementation, (4) Lead Therapy Intervention, and (5) Line Therapy.

- **Billing for Assessment, Program Development and Training**

**Current:** Once a provider is selected by the parent/responsible party, the Case Manager authorizes the assessment, program development and training. Once the provider completes the assessment, they may bill Medicaid for payment prior to developing the program and conducting the training. Providers are paid \$2,100 for these services.

**Recommended Change:** Once a provider is selected by the parent/responsible party, the Case Manager will authorize only the assessment. Once completed, the provider may bill Medicaid (\$700.00) for this service. The Case Manager will then authorize program development and training. Once the provider completes these two tasks, they may bill Medicaid for payment (\$1,400.00).